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Auditor of State David A. Vaudt today released an audit report on the City of Mount Ayr, Iowa.

Vaudt reported that the City's receipts totaled \$1,572,249 for the year ended June 30, 2003. The receipts included \$357,072 in property tax, \$47,140 in tax increment financing collections, \$185,630 from the state, \$70,860 from the federal government and \$9,533 in interest on investments. The City also received note proceeds of \$495,000 that are reported as other financing sources.

Disbursements for the year totaled \$1,953,076, and included \$772,410 for business type activities, \$252,164 for public works and \$236,552 for capital projects.

The report contains recommendations to the City Council and other City officials. For example, the City should review its internal control procedures and segregate duties to the extent possible. The City responded to each item in the report and stated that corrective action will be taken.

A copy of the audit report is available for review in the Office of Auditor of State and the City Clerk's office.

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CITY OF MOUNT AYR

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS

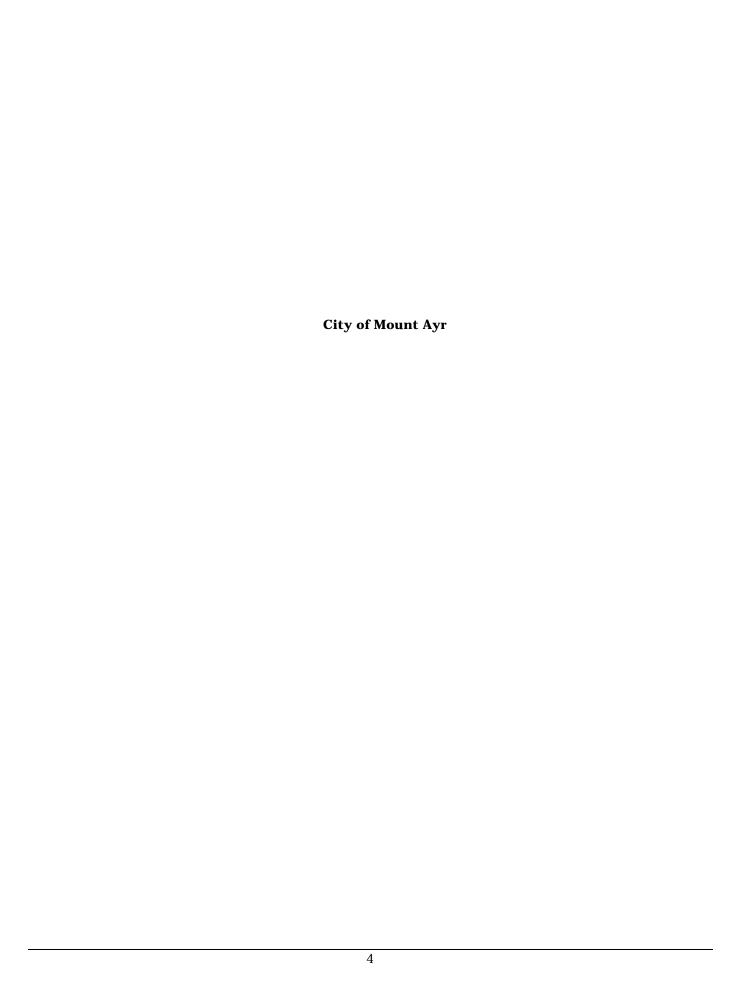
JUNE 30, 2003

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Officials

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	Term <u>Expires</u>
Clyde Summers	Mayor	Jan 2004
Bill Schuster Eldon Still Mike Doubleday Darrel Case Jodie Wurster	Council Member Council Member Council Member Council Member Council Member	Jan 2004 Jan 2004 Jan 2004 Jan 2006 Jan 2006
Duane Glick	Clerk	Jan 2004
Pamella Poore	Treasurer	Jan 2004
Richard L. Wilson	Attorney	Indefinite





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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements, listed as exhibits in the table of contents of this report, of the City of Mount Ayr, Iowa, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2003. These financial statements are the responsibility of the City of Mount Ayr's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Except as discussed in the following paragraph, we conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards, Chapter 11 of the Code of Iowa and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards and provisions require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in note 1, these financial statements were prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Also, as permitted by the Code of Iowa, the accounting records of the City have not been audited for all prior years. Accordingly, we were unable to satisfy ourselves as to the distribution by fund of the total fund balance at July 1, 2002.

In our opinion, except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had we been able to verify the distribution by fund of the total fund balance at July 1, 2002, as discussed in the preceding paragraph, the aforementioned financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the results of the cash transactions of the funds of the City of Mount Ayr as of and for the year ended June 30, 2003, and its indebtedness at June 30, 2003, on the basis of accounting described in note 1.

In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, we have also issued our report dated October 3, 2003 on our consideration of the City of Mount Ayr's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations and contracts. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental information included in Schedules 1 through 6 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the aforementioned financial statements and, in our opinion, except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had we been able to verify the distribution by fund of the total fund balance at July 1, 2002, as discussed in the third preceding paragraph, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the aforementioned financial statements taken as a whole.

DAVID A. VAUDT, CPA Auditor of State WARREN G. JENKINS, CPA Chief Deputy Auditor of State

October 3, 2003



Combined Statement of Cash Transactions

All Fund Types

Year ended June 30, 2003

				-
			Governmental Fu	nd Types
			Special	Debt
		General	Revenue	Service
Receipts:				
Property tax	\$	224,337	50,064	82,671
Tax increment financing collections	*	-	47,140	=
Other city tax		17,844	4,060	6,733
Licenses and permits		4,532	-	-
Use of money and property		10,828	120	_
Intergovernmental		81,339	194,822	_
Charges for service		29,395	-	_
Special assessments		-	_	39,229
Miscellaneous		46,143	2,666	-
Total receipts		414,418	298,872	128,633
•				
Disbursements: Public safety		138,782		
Public works		80,969	171,195	
Culture and recreation		157,737	9,734	_
Community and economic development		137,737	90,223	_
General government		93,013	48,087	
Debt service		93,013	38,677	108,430
Capital projects		7,000	36,077	106,430
Business type activities		7,000	_	_
Total disbursements		477,501	357,916	108,430
		111,001	00,,010	100,100
Excess (deficiency) of receipts		/		
over (under) disbursements		(63,083)	(59,044)	20,203
Other financing sources (uses):				
General obligation loan agreement anticipation				
project note proceeds, net of \$5,000 discount		-	-	-
Operating transfers in		19,480	_	14,495
Operating transfers out		(19,480)	_	_
Total other financing sources (uses)		-	-	14,495
Excess of receipts and other financing sources				
over (under) disbursements and other financing uses		(63,083)	(59,044)	34,698
Balance beginning of year		255,657	223,940	19,588
Balance end of year	\$	192,574	164,896	54,286
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See notes to financial statements.

	Proprietary	Total
Capital	Fund Type	(Memorandum
Projects	Enterprise	Only)
-	_	357,072
-	-	47,140
-	-	28,637
-	-	4,532
-	-	10,948
30,164	-	306,325
-	659,623	689,018
-	-	39,229
	40,539	89,348
30,164	700,162	1,572,249
_	_	138,782
_	_	252,164
_	_	167,471
_	-	90,223
_	_	141,100
7,267	-	154,374
229,552	=	236,552
	772,410	772,410
236,819	772,410	1,953,076
(206,655)	(72,248)	(380,827)
(100,000)	(* ***,*** = 0)	(000,011.)
405,000		405,000
495,000 302,703	74,334	495,000 411,012
(315,383)	(76,149)	(411,012)
482,320	(1,815)	495,000
402,320	(1,013)	493,000
275,665	(74,063)	114,173
24,924	472,837	996,946
300,589	398,774	1,111,119

Comparison of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Balances -

Actual to Budget

Year ended June 30, 2003

	 Actual
Receipts:	
Property tax	\$ 357,072
Tax increment financing collections	47,140
Other city tax	28,637
Licenses and permits	4,532
Use of money and property	10,948
Intergovernmental	306,325
Charges for service	689,018
Special assessments	39,229
Miscellaneous	89,348
Total receipts	1,572,249
Disbursements:	
Public safety	138,782
Public works	252,164
Culture and recreation	167,471
Community and economic development	90,223
General government	141,100
Debt service	154,374
Capital projects	236,552
Business type activities	772,410
Total disbursements	1,953,076
Deficiency of receipts under disbursements	(380,827)
Other financing sources, net	 495,000
Excess (deficiency) of receipts and other financing sources over (under) disbursements and other financing uses	114,173
Balance beginning of year	 996,946
Balance end of year	\$ 1,111,119

See notes to financial statements.

	Variance	Actual as % of
Amended	Favorable	Amended
Budget	(Unfavorable)	Budget
357,732	(660)	100%
38,677	8,463	122%
30,193	(1,556)	95%
5,845	(1,313)	78%
31,600	(20,652)	35%
570,600	(264, 275)	54%
2,749,159	(2,060,141)	25%
-	39,229	100%
230,000	(140,652)	39%
4,013,806	(2,441,557)	39%
148,767	9,985	93%
374,495	122,331	67%
336,097	168,626	50%
38,677	(51,546)	233%
115,570	(25,530)	122%
108,429	(45,945)	142%
2,200,000	1,963,448	11%
723,647	(48,763)	107%
4,045,682	2,092,606	48%

(31,876)

(31,876)

941,730

909,854

Statement of Indebtedness

Obligation	Date of Issue	Interest Rates	Amount Originally Issued
General obligation bonds:			
Sewer	Jul 1, 1969	6.00%	\$ 50,000
Funding	Jul 1, 1973	6.00	28,000
Street improvement	Mar 1, 1975	6.50	170,000
Judgement funding	Nov 1, 1975	6.75	95,000
Essential corporate purpose	Mar 1, 1979	5.50-5.90	70,000
Street improvement	Jun 1, 1980	6.20-6.75	495,000
Total			
General obligation notes:			
Municipal parking lot improvement	Jan 1, 1996	4.35-5.45%	\$ 130,000
Fire truck	Apr 1, 2000	5.10-5.70	160,000
Corporate purpose Total	Aug 1, 2001	4.10-5.40	595,000
Special assessment notes:			
Sanitary sewer improvement	Aug 1, 2001	4.50-5.40%	\$ 95,000
Revenue bonds:			
Water	Aug 1, 1967	5.00%	\$ 15,000
Sewer	Jun 1, 1969	5.75	145,000
Water	Mar 1, 1979	6.75-7.00	100,000
Total			
Urban renewal tax increment financing (TIF)	Jul 1, 1996	6.62	\$ 175,000
Revenue notes:			
Sewer	Aug 1, 1989	6.40-7.10%	\$ 210,000
USDA Rural Development water revenue note:	Feb 5, 1991	6.00%	\$ 500,000

Balance Beginning of Year		nning During During		Balance End of Year	Interest Paid	Interest Due and Unpaid
	-	-	-	-	-	150
	_	-	-	-	-	210
	-	-	-	-	-	487
	-	-	-	-	-	1,350
	-	-	-	-	-	280
	-	-		-	_	2,700
					-	
\$	-	-	-	-	-	5,177
	85,000	-	10,000	75,000	4,469	-
	150,000	-	15,000	135,000	8,200	-
	595,000	-	30,000	565,000	28,690	-
\$	830,000	_	55,000	775,000	41,359	_
	90,000	-	10,000	80,000	4,500	-
	_	-	-	-	_	1,500
	_	_	_	_	_	86
	-	-	-	-	-	1,050
\$	-	-	-	-	-	2,636
	118,278	-	16,648	101,628	7,560	-
	60,000	-	20,000	40,000	3,545	
	449,784	-	6,841	442,943	26,839	-

City of Mount Ayr

Statement of Indebtedness

Year ended June 30, 2003

Obligation	Date of	Interest Rates	Amount Originally Issued
Obligation	Issue	Rates	Issued
General obligation loan agreement anticipation project notes (note 4): Sewer project	Aug 20, 2002	3.25%	\$ 500,000
Lease purchase agreements (note 5): Bobcat Police car	Feb 29, 2000 Mar 3, 2000	6.15% 6.75	\$ 24,090 19,625
Loan agreements (note 5): Fire department pickup Truck Police car	Dec 1, 2000 Jan 15, 2003 May 15, 2003	9.50% 4.75 6.07	\$ 10,000 61,162 19,625

Total

See notes to financial statements.

Balance	Issued	Redeemed	Balance	Tratament	Interest
eginning	During	During	End of	Interest	Due and
 of Year	Year	Year	Year Paid		Unpaid
-	500,000	-	500,000	7,267	_
11,525	_	5,590	5,935	688	_
10,456	-	10,456	_	803	_
\$ 21,981	-	16,046	5,935	1,491	_
6,260	-	6,260	-	533	-
-	61,162	-	61,162	-	-
 _	5,497	-	5,497	-	
\$ 6,260	66,659	6,260	66,659	533	

Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2003

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The City of Mount Ayr is a political subdivision of the State of Iowa located in Ringgold County. It was first incorporated in 1874 and operates under the Home Rule provisions of the Constitution of Iowa. The City operates under the Mayor-Council form of government with the Mayor and Council Members elected on a non-partisan basis. The City provides numerous services to citizens, including public safety, public works, culture and recreation, community and economic development, general government and business type activities.

A. Reporting Entity

For financial reporting purposes, City of Mount Ayr has included all funds, organizations, agencies, boards, commissions and authorities. The City has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable, and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the City are such that exclusion would cause the City's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body and (1) the ability of the City to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the City. The City has no component units which meet the Governmental Accounting Standards Board criteria.

Jointly Governed Organizations

The City participates in several jointly governed organizations that provide goods or services to the citizenry of the City but do not meet the criteria of a joint venture since there is no ongoing financial interest or responsibility by the participating governments. City officials are members of the following boards and commissions: Ringgold County Assessor's Conference Board and the Wayne, Ringgold and Decatur County Solid Waste Management Commission.

B. Fund Accounting

The accounts of the City are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts which comprise its receipts, disbursements and balances. The various funds and their designated purposes are as follows:

Governmental Funds

<u>General Fund</u> – The General Fund is the general operating fund of the City. All general tax receipts and other receipts that are not allocated by law or contractual agreement to some other fund are accounted for in this fund. From the fund are paid the general operating disbursements, the fixed charges and the capital improvement costs that are not paid through other funds.

<u>Special Revenue Funds</u> – The Special Revenue Funds are utilized to account for receipts derived from specific sources which are usually required by law or regulation to be accounted for in separate funds.

<u>Debt Service Fund</u> – The Debt Service Fund is utilized to account for the payment of interest and principal on the City's general obligation and special assessment long-term debt.

<u>Capital Projects Funds</u> – The Capital Projects Funds are utilized to account for all resources used in the acquisition and construction of capital facilities, with the exception of those that are financed through enterprise funds.

Proprietary Funds

<u>Enterprise Funds</u> – The Enterprise Funds are utilized to finance and account for the acquisition, operation and maintenance of governmental facilities and services that are supported by user charges.

C. Basis of Accounting

The City of Mount Ayr maintains its financial records on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements and the financial statements of the City are prepared on that basis. The cash basis of accounting does not give effect to accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued items. Accordingly, the financial statements do not present financial position and results of operations of the funds in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

D. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

In accordance with the Code of Iowa, the City Council annually adopts a budget on the cash basis following required public notice and hearing for all funds. The annual budget may be amended during the year utilizing similar statutorily prescribed procedures.

Formal and legal budgetary control is based upon nine major classes of disbursements, known as functions, not by fund. These functions are public safety, public works, health and social services, culture and recreation, community and economic development, general government, debt service, capital projects and business type activities.

E. <u>Total (Memoran</u>dum Only)

The total column on the combined statement of cash transactions is captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that it is presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in this column does not present financial position or results of operations in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

(2) Cash and Pooled Investments

The City's deposits in banks at June 30, 2003 were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by the State Sinking Fund in accordance with Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa. This chapter provides for additional assessments against the depositories to insure there will be no loss of public funds.

The City is authorized by statute to invest public funds in obligations of the United States government, its agencies and instrumentalities; certificates of deposit or other evidences of deposit at federally insured depository institutions approved by the City Council; prime eligible bankers acceptances; certain high rated commercial paper; perfected repurchase agreements; certain registered open-end management investment companies; certain joint investment trusts; and warrants or improvement certificates of a drainage district.

The City had no investments meeting the disclosure requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No.3.

(3) Bonds and Notes Payable

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for general obligation, special assessment and sewer revenue notes are as follows:

Year Ending	General Ob Note	_	Special Ass		Sewe Revenue I		Tota	ત્રી
June 30,	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2004	\$ 60,000	38,848	10,000	4,040	20,000	2,130	90,000	45,018
2005	60,000	36,077	10,000	3,570	20,000	710	90,000	40,357
2006	65,000	33,255	10,000	3,090	-	-	75,000	36,345
2007	70,000	30,118	10,000	2,600	_	_	80,000	32,718
2008	75,000	26,655	10,000	2,100	-	-	85,000	28,755
2009	60,000	22,900	10,000	1,590	_	_	70,000	24,490
2010	65,000	19,910	10,000	1,070	-	-	75,000	20,980
2011	65,000	16,630	10,000	540	_	_	75,000	17,170
2012	45,000	13,285	-	-	-	-	45,000	13,285
2013	50,000	11,035	-	-	_	_	50,000	11,035
2014	50,000	8,485	-	-	-	-	50,000	8,485
2015	55,000	5,885	-	-	_	_	55,000	5,885
2016	55,000	2,970	-	-	-	-	55,000	2,970
Total	\$ 775,000	266,053	80,000	18,600	40,000	2,840	895,000	287,493

The Code of Iowa requires that principal and interest on general obligation notes be paid from the Debt Service Fund. However, during the year, \$10,000 of note principal and \$4,469 of note interest was paid from the Special Revenue Fund, Tax Increment Financing Account.

The resolution providing for the issuance of the sewer revenue notes includes the following provisions.

(a) The notes will only be redeemed from the future earnings of the enterprise activity and the note holders hold a lien on the future earnings of the funds.

- (b) Sufficient monthly transfers shall be made to a separate sewer revenue note sinking account for the purpose of making the note principal and interest payments when due.
- (c) Additional monthly transfers to a sewer revenue note reserve account shall be made until a specific minimum balance has been accumulated. This account is restricted for the purpose of paying for any additional improvements, extensions or repairs to the system.

The City has established the sinking and reserve accounts required by the sewer revenue note resolution.

<u>Urban Renewal Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Revenue Bond</u> – The urban renewal tax increment financing (TIF) revenue bond was issued for the purpose of defraying a portion of the costs of carrying out an urban renewal project of the City. The bond is payable solely from the income and proceeds of the Urban Renewal Tax Increment Fund and the taxes to be paid into the fund in accordance with Chapter 403.19 of the Code of Iowa. The proceeds of the urban renewal tax increment financing revenue bond shall be expended only for purposes which are consistent with the plans of the City's urban renewal area. The bond is not a general obligation of the City. However the debt is subject to the constitutional debt limitation of the City.

The loan requires semi-annual payments of \$12,105, including principal and interest at 6.62% per annum, on December 1 and June 1 of each year. The final payment is due on June 1, 2008.

<u>USDA Water Revenue Note</u> – The City issued a water revenue note totaling \$500,000 on February 5, 1991 to defray a portion of the cost of constructing a water transmission line. The note is payable to the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in annual installments of \$33,680, including interest at 6% per annum. During the year ended June 30, 2003, the City paid \$33,680 to the USDA, leaving a balance due at June 30, 2003 of \$442,943.

The resolution providing for the issuance of the water revenue note includes the following provisions:

- (a) The note will only be redeemed from the future earnings of the enterprise activity and the note holder holds a lien on the future earnings of the funds.
- (b) The City shall make annual payments to the USDA of interest only in the years 1991 and 1992 and of \$33,680, including interest at 6% per annum, in the years 1993 through 2030, inclusive.
- (c) Sufficient monthly transfers shall be made to a water revenue note sinking account for the purpose of making the above payments when due.
- (d) Additional monthly transfers shall be made to a water revenue note reserve account until a specific minimum balance has been accumulated. This account is restricted for making the annual principal and interest payments whenever there is insufficient money in the water revenue note sinking account.

The City has established the sinking and reserve accounts required by the water revenue note resolution.

(4) General Obligation Loan Agreement Anticipation Project Notes

During the year ended June 30, 2003, the City issued \$500,000 in project notes for sewer improvements at 3.25% interest per annum. As of June 30, 2003, none of the notes had been redeemed.

(5) Lease Purchase and Loan Agreements

On February 29, 2000, the City entered into a lease-purchase agreement for a bobcat. The lease is for four years, with interest at 6.15% per annum, and provides for annual payments of \$6,278. Also, on March 3, 2000, the City entered into a lease-purchase agreement for a police car. The lease term is for four years, with interest at 6.75% per annum, and provides for annual payments of \$5,761. On May 15, 2003, the bank rolled the balance due on the police car lease of \$5,497 into a loan agreement as described below.

The following is a schedule of future minimum lease payments and the present value of net minimum lease payments under the bobcat lease agreement:

Year		
Ending June 30,	Am	ount
2004	\$ 6	5,278
Less amount representing interest		(343)
Present value of net minimum lease payments	<u>\$ 5</u>	5,935

Payments under the bobcat lease agreement for the year ended June 30, 2003 totaled \$6,278. Payments under the police car lease agreement for the year ended June 30, 2003 totaled \$5,762 prior to conversion to a loan agreement.

Loan Agreements

On January 15, 2003, the City entered into a loan agreement for a truck. The loan is for four years with interest at 4.75% per annum and provides for annual payments of \$17,150.

On May 15, 2003, the City entered into a loan agreement for the balance of \$5,497 due on the police car lease purchase agreement. The loan provides for one payment of principal, with interest at 6.07% per annum, due on February 28, 2004.

No payments were made on either of these loan agreements during the year ended June 30, 2003.

(6) Pension and Retirement Benefits

The City contributes to the Iowa Public Employees Retirement System (IPERS) which is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of Iowa. IPERS provides retirement and death benefits which are established by state statute to plan members and beneficiaries. IPERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to IPERS, P.O. Box 9117, Des Moines, Iowa, 50306-9117.

Plan members are required to contribute 3.70% of their annual salary and the City is required to contribute 5.75% of annual covered payroll. Contribution requirements are established by state statute. The City's contribution to IPERS for the year ended June 30, 2003 was \$15,690, equal to the required contribution for the year.

(7) Compensated Absences

City employees accumulate a limited amount of earned but unused vacation and personal leave hours for subsequent use or for payment upon termination, retirement or death. These accumulations are not recognized as disbursements by the City until used or paid. The City's approximate liability for earned vacation and personal leave hours payable to employees at June 30, 2003, primarily relating to the General Fund, was \$15,600. This liability has been computed based on rates of pay in effect at June 30, 2003.

(8) Budget Overexpenditure

Per the Code of Iowa, disbursements may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations at the functional level. During the year ended June 30, 2003, disbursements in the community and economic development, general government, debt service and business type activities functions exceeded the amounts budgeted.

(9) Downtown Renovation Loan

In March 2003, the City loaned \$40,000 to a local business to improve and renovate downtown storefronts. The loan is to be repaid, interest free, to the City of Mount Ayr in monthly installments of \$667 over a five year period ending February 14, 2008. The loan repayments from the business remain in the Special Revenue, Downtown Renovation Fund, a revolving loan fund, for future loans to other businesses. At June 30, 2003, the amount due from the business was \$37,334.

(10) Risk Management

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft; damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. These risks are covered by the purchase of commercial insurance. The City assumes liability for any deductibles and claims in excess of coverage limitations. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

(11) Deficit Balance

The Debt Service Fund, General Obligation Notes Account had a deficit balance of \$3,304 at June 30, 2003. The deficit balance was a result of taxes that were incorrectly posted to the wrong fund. The deficit will be eliminated with a corrective transfer.





Combining Schedule of Cash Transactions

General Fund

	-	Fire		
	General	Library	Department	Total
D				
Receipts:	ė 004 007			004 007
Property tax	\$ 224,337	_	-	224,337
Other city tax:				
Mobile home tax	76	-	-	76
Utility tax replacement excise tax	17,768	_	_	17,768
	17,844	-	-	17,844
Licenses and permits	4,532	-	-	4,532
Use of money and property:				
Interest on investments	9,205	208	-	9,413
Rent	1,125	290	-	1,415
	10,330	498	_	10,828
Intergovernmental:				
State allocation	28,115	_	_	28,115
Bank franchise tax	2,693	_	_	2,693
Bulletproof vest grant	696	_	_	696
Library service	-	15,000	_	15,000
Other cities contributions	_	586	_	586
Township contributions	34,249	-	_	34,249
Township contains and the	65,753	15,586	_	81,339
Charges for service:				
Library fees	_	565	_	565
Park fees	5,772	-	_	5,772
Swimming pool fees	22,526	_	_	22,526
Miscellaneous	532	_	_	532
	28,830	565	-	29,395
Miscellaneous:				
Contributions and donations	16,793	1,739	4,717	23,249
Gates Foundation grant	-	4,895	-,	4,895
Sales tax collected	774	_	_	774
Fundraiser proceeds	-	_	3,442	3,442
Fines and fees	7,231	384	-	7,615
Miscellaneous	4,618	1,465	85	6,168
	29,416	8,483	8,244	46,143
Total receipts	381,042	25,132	8,244	414,418

Combining Schedule of Cash Transactions

General Fund

			Fire	
	General	Library	Department	Total
Disbursements:				
Public safety:				
Police:				
Services and commodities	100,995	-	-	100,995
Fire department:				
Services and commodities	19,853	-	6,995	26,848
Capital outlay	-	-	2,289	2,289
Debt service:				
Principal redeemed	-	-	6,260	6,260
Interest paid		-	533	533
	19,853	-	16,077	35,930
Animal control:				
Contractual services	1,857	-	-	1,857
	122,705	_	16,077	138,782
Public works:				
Roads, bridges and sidewalks:				
Personal services	28,984	-	-	28,984
Services and commodities	31,449	-	-	31,449
Capital outlay	11,825	-	-	11,825
	72,258	-	-	72,258
Airport:				
Services and commodities	8,711	_	-	8,711
	80,969	-	-	80,969
Culture and recreation:				
Library:				
Personal services	-	23,126	-	23,126
Services and commodities	-	11,551	-	11,551
Capital outlay		425	-	425
		35,102	_	35,102

Combining Schedule of Cash Transactions

General Fund

			Fire	
	General	Library	Department	Total
Disbursements (continued):				
Culture and recreation:				
Parks:				
Personal services	9,222	_	_	9,222
Services and commodities	28,134	_	_	28,134
Capital outlay	24,569	_	-	24,569
	61,925	_	_	61,925
Swimming pool:				
Personal services	24,324	_	_	24,324
Services and commodities	19,851	_	_	19,851
	44,175	-	-	44,175
Cemetery:				
Contractual services	16,530	_	-	16,530
Other recreation and culture:				
Services and commodities	5	_	_	5
	122,635	35,102	-	157,737
General government:				
Mayor and council members:				
Personal services	4,096	_	-	4,096
Clerk and treasurer:				
Personal services	33,037	_	_	33,037
Services and commodities	20,817	-	-	20,817
	53,854	-	-	53,854
City hall and general buildings:				
Services and commodities	3,673	_	_	3,673
Capital outlay	31,390	_	_	31,390
	35,063	-	_	35,063
	93,013	_	-	93,013
Capital projects:				
Gooseberry Lake:				
Services and commodities	7,000	_	-	7,000
Total disbursements	426,322	35,102	16,077	477,501
Deficiency of receipts under disbursements	(45,280)	(9,970)	(7,833)	(63,083)

Combining Schedule of Cash Transactions

General Fund

Year ended June 30, 2003

			Fire	
	General	Library	Department	Total
Other financing sources (uses):				
Operating transfers in (out):				
General:				
General	-	16,900	2,580	19,480
Library	(16,900)	-	-	(16,900)
Fire Department	(2,580)	-	-	(2,580)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(19,480)	16,900	2,580	_
Excess (deficiency) of receipts and other financing				
sources over (under) disbursements and other financing uses	(64,760)	6,930	(5,253)	(63,083)
Balance beginning of year	222,398	20,440	12,819	255,657
Balance end of year	\$ 157,638	27,370	7,566	192,574

Combining Schedule of Cash Transactions

Special Revenue Funds

	Road	Employee Benefits	
	Use	and	Downtown
	Tax	Insurance	Renovation
Receipts:			
Property tax	\$ -	50,064	
Tax increment financing collections		_	
Other city tax:			
Mobile home tax	-	17	_
Utility tax replacement excise tax		4,043	
		4,060	
Use of money and property:			
Interest on investments		-	120
Intergovernmental:			
Road use tax allocation	148,335	-	-
Cultural affairs grant	-	-	-
Rural economic development grant	148,335		40,000 40,000
	146,333		40,000
Miscellaneous		-	2,666
Total receipts	148,335	54,124	42,786
Disbursements:			
Public works:			
Roads, bridges and sidewalks:			
Personal services	-	15,069	-
Services and commodities	144,270	11,856	
	144,270	26,925	
Culture and recreation:			
Other recreation and culture:			
Services and commodities		-	<u> </u>
Parks:			
Personal services	-	486	-
Services and commodities	-	11	
		497	
Swimming pool:			
Personal services	-	2,035	-
Services and commodities		715	
		2,750	
		3,247	

	Tax	
Cultural	Increment	
Affairs	Financing	Total
		70.004
	_	50,064
_	47,140	47,140
-	17,110	11,110
-	-	17
	-	4,043
	_	4,060
		120
		120
=	_	148,335
6,487	=	6,487
-	-	40,000
6,487	=	194,822
-	-	2,666
0.407		
6,487	47,140	298,872
-	_	15,069
-	_	156,126
_	_	171,195
6,487	_	6,487
	_	486
		11
		497
		101
-	-	2,035
	=	715
		2,750
6,487	-	9,734

Combining Schedule of Cash Transactions

Special Revenue Funds

Year ended June 30, 2003

	Road Use Tax	Employee Benefits and Insurance	Downtown Renovation
Disbursements (continued):			
Community and economic development:			
Services and commodities		_	90,223
General government:			
Clerk and treasurer:			
Personal services	-	16,063	=
City hall and general buildings:			
Services and commodities		32,024	
		48,087	=
Debt service:			
Principal redeemed	-	-	-
Interest paid		-	
		-	
Total disbursements	144,270	78,259	90,223
Excess (deficiency) of receipts			
over (under) disbursements	4,065	(24, 135)	(47,437)
Balance beginning of year	38,362	55,471	80,240
Balance end of year	\$ 42,427	31,336	32,803

Cultural Affairs	Tax Increment Financing	Total
		00.999
 		90,223
-	-	16,063
 _	_	32,024
-	-	48,087
-	26,648 12,029	26,648 12,029
 	38,677	38,677
6,487	38,677	357,916
-	8,463	(59,044)
 _	49,867	223,940
=	58,330	164,896

Combining Schedule of Cash Transactions

Debt Service Fund

Year ended June 30, 2003

	General	Special	
	Obligation	Assessment	
	Notes	Notes	Total
Receipts:			
Property tax	\$ 82,671		82,671
Other city tax:			
Mobile home tax	29	_	29
Utility tax replacement excise tax	6,704	-	6,704
	6,733	-	6,733
Special assessments	-	39,229	39,229
Total receipts	89,404	39,229	128,633
Disbursements:			
Debt service:			
Principal redeemed	55,549	10,000	65,549
Interest paid	38,381	4,500	42,881
Total disbursements	93,930	14,500	108,430
Excess (deficiency) of receipts			
over (under) disbursements	(4,526	24,729	20,203
Other financing sources:			
Operating transfers in:			
Capital Projects:			
Sewer Improvement	14,495	-	14,495
Excess of receipts and			
other financing sources over			
disbursements	9,969	24,729	34,698
Balance beginning of year	(13,273	32,861	19,588
Balance end of year	\$ (3,304	57,590	54,286
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Combining Schedule of Cash Transactions

Capital Projects Funds

Year ended June 30, 2003

	C	DBG Sewer	Sewer		
		Project	Improvement	Total	
Receipts:					
Intergovernmental:					
Community Development Block					
Grants/State's Program	\$	30,164	-	30,164	
Disbursements:					
Debt service:					
Interest paid		_	7,267	7,267	
Capital projects:					
Services and commodities		224,276	5,276	229,552	
Total disbursements		224,276	12,543	236,819	
Deficiency of receipts under disbursements		(194,112)	(12,543)	(206,655)	
Other financing sources (uses):					
General obligation loan agreement anticipation					
project note proceeds (net of \$5,000 discount)		495,000	_	495,000	
Operating transfers in (out):					
Debt Service:					
General Obligation Notes		_	(14,495)	(14,495)	
Capital Projects:					
CDBG Sewer Project		_	300,888	300,888	
Sewer Improvement		(300,888)	-	(300,888)	
Enterprise:					
Sewer Rental		_	1,815	1,815	
Total other financing sources (uses)		194,112	288,208	482,320	
Excess of receipts and other financing					
sources over (under) disbursements					
and other financing uses		-	275,665	275,665	
Balance beginning of year		-	24,924	24,924	
Balance end of year	\$	-	300,589	300,589	
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Combining Schedule of Cash Transactions

Enterprise Funds

		Water	USDA, Rural Development Water Sinking	USDA, Rural Development Water Reserve	Sewer Rental
Receipts:					
Charges for service:					
Sale of water	\$ 29	99,567	-	-	-
Intallations and connections		-	-	-	3,718
Sewer rental fees		-	-	-	247,294
Garbage collections		-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous		3,126	-	-	20
	30	02,693	-	-	251,032
Miscellaneous:					
Reimbursements		_	=	_	20,261
Sales tax collected	1	12,929	-	_	2,291
Customer deposits		_	-	_	_
		12,929	-	_	22,552
Total receipts		15,622	-	-	273,584
Disbursements:					
Business type activities:					
Personal services	10	04,842	-	_	194,835
Services and commodities	22	21,082	-	-	35,511
Capital outlay	1	13,433	-	-	35,295
Debt service:					
Principal redeemed		-	6,841	-	-
Interest paid		-	26,839	-	-
Total disbursements	33	39,357	33,680	-	265,641
Excess (deficiency) of receipts					
over (under) disbursements		23,735)	(33,680)	-	7,943
				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	

Sewer Revenue	Sewer			
Note	Revenue Note		Customer	
Sinking	Reserve	Garbage	Deposits	Total
_	_	_	_	299,567
-	-	_	-	3,718
_	_	_	_	247,294
_	_	105,898	_	105,898
-	-	-	-	3,146
-	-	105,898	-	659,623
=	=	-	=	20,261
-	-	-	-	15,220
	-	-	5,058	5,058
	-	-	5,058	40,539
	-	105,898	5,058	700,162
-	-	1,415	-	301,092
-	-	105,320	3,452	365,365
-	-	-	-	48,728
20,000	_	_	_	26,841
3,545	_	_	_	30,384
23,545	-	106,735	3,452	772,410
-		-	•	•
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(23,545)	-	(837)	1,606	(72,248)

Combining Schedule of Cash Transactions

Enterprise Funds

Year ended June 30, 2003

	Water	USDA, Rural Development Water Sinking	USDA, Rural Development Water Reserve	Sewer Rental
Other financing sources (uses):				
Operating transfers in (out):				
Capital Projects:				
Sewer Improvement	-	-	-	(1,815)
Enterprise:				
Water	-	33,684	-	-
USDA Rural Development Water Sinking	(33,684)	-	-	-
Sewer Rental	-	-	-	-
Sewer Revenue Note Sinking	-	-	-	(22,954)
Customer Deposits	17,696	_	_	
Total other financing sources (uses)	(15,988)	33,684	-	(24,769)
Excess (deficiency) of receipts and other financing sources over (under)				
disbursements and other financing uses	(39,723)	4	-	(16,826)
Balance beginning of year	151,841	30,049	33,680	162,644
Balance end of year	\$ 112,118	30,053	33,680	145,818

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

Sewer				
Revenue	Sewer			
Note	Revenue Note		Customer	
 Sinking	Reserve	Garbage	Deposits	Total
				(1,815)
_	_	_	_	(1,013)
_	_	_	(17,696)	15,988
_	-	=	=	(33,684)
22,954	_	-	_	22,954
-	-	-	-	(22,954)
 -	-	-	-	17,696
 22,954	-	=	(17,696)	(1,815)
(591)	-	(837)	(16,090)	(74,063)
26,794	15,000	36,739	16,090	472,837
26 202	15 000	25 002		200 774
26,203	15,000	35,902	_	398,774



Bond and Note Maturities

June 30, 2003

	General Obligation Notes									
		pal Parking	T)		1					
	•	provement	-	e Tru				Purpose	-	
Year	Issued .	Jan 1, 1996	Issued .	Apr 1	, 2000	Issue	d Aug	1, 2001		
Ending	Interest		Interest			Interest				
June 30,	Rates	Amount	Rates		Amount	Rates		Amount		Total
2004	5.05%	\$ 10,000	5.30%	\$	15,000	4.20%	\$	35,000	\$	60,000
2005	5.15	10,000	5.35		15,000	4.30		35,000		60,000
2006	5.25	15,000	5.40		15,000	4.40		35,000		65,000
2007	5.35	20,000	5.45		15,000	4.50		35,000		70,000
2008	5.45	20,000	5.50		15,000	4.60		40,000		75,000
2009		-	5.55		20,000	4.70		40,000		60,000
2010		_	5.60		20,000	4.80		45,000		65,000
2011		=	5.70		20,000	4.90		45,000		65,000
2012		-			-	5.00		45,000		45,000
2013		=			=	5.10		50,000		50,000
2014		=			-	5.20		50,000		50,000
2015		-			-	5.30		55,000		55,000
2016			_			5.40		55,000		55,000
Total		\$ 75,000		\$	135,000		\$	565,000	\$	775,000

	Special Asses	sment	Notes	Reven	Revenue Notes					
		Sanitary Sewer Improvement				Sewer				
Year	Issued .	Issued Aug 1, 2001				Issued Aug 1, 1989				
Ending	Interest			Interest						
June 30,	Rates		Amount	Rates		Amount				
2004 2005 2006	4.70% 4.80 4.90	\$	10,000 10,000 10,000	7.10% 7.10	\$	20,000				
2007 2008 2009	5.00 5.10 5.20		10,000 10,000 10,000			-				
2010 2011 2012	5.30 5.40		10,000 10,000			- - -				
2013 2014 2015			- - -			- - -				
2016			<u> </u>	,		-				
Total		\$	80,000	į	\$	40,000				

See accompanying independent auditor's report.





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<u>Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance</u> and on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council:

We have audited the financial statements of the City of Mount Ayr, Iowa, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2003, and have issued our report thereon dated October 3, 2003. Our report on the financial statements, which were prepared in conformity with an other comprehensive basis of accounting, expressed a qualified opinion since we were unable to satisfy ourselves as to the distribution by fund of the total fund balance at July 1, 2002.

Except as noted in the Independent Auditor's Report, we conducted our audit in accordance with U. S. generally accepted auditing standards, Chapter 11 of the Code of Iowa, and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City of Mount Ayr's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations and contracts, non-compliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of non-compliance that are required to be reported under <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of non-compliance that are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings.

Comments involving statutory and other legal matters about the City's operations for the year ended June 30, 2003 are based exclusively on knowledge obtained from procedures performed during our audit of the financial statements of the City. Since our audit was based on tests and samples, not all transactions that might have had an impact on the comments were necessarily audited. The comments involving statutory and other legal matters are not intended to constitute legal interpretations of those statutes. Prior audit statutory comments have been resolved except for (11).

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the City of Mount Ayr's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. However, we noted certain matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the City of Mount Ayr's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. Reportable conditions are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings.

A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, of the reportable conditions described above, we believe items (A) and (C) are material weaknesses. Prior audit reportable conditions have been resolved except for item (A).

This report, a public record by law, is intended solely for the information and use of the officials, employees and citizens of the City of Mount Ayr and other parties to whom the City of Mount Ayr may report. This report is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We would like to acknowledge the many courtesies and assistance extended to us by personnel of the City of Mount Ayr during the course of our audit. Should you have any questions concerning any of the above matters, we shall be pleased to discuss them with you at your convenience.

DAVID A. VAUDT, CPA Auditor of State WARREN G. JENKINS, CPA Chief Deputy Auditor of State

October 3, 2003

Schedule of Findings

Year ended June 30, 2003

Findings Related to the Financial Statements:

INSTANCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE:

No matters were noted.

REPORTABLE CONDITIONS:

- (A) <u>Segregation of Duties</u> One important aspect of internal control is the segregation of duties among employees to prevent an individual employee from handling duties which are incompatible. For the City, one or two individuals has control over each of the following areas:
 - (1) Receipts collecting, depositing, journalizing, posting and reconciling.

For the Library, one individual has control over each of the following areas:

- (1) Receipts mail opening, collecting, depositing, posting and reconciling.
- (2) Disbursements posting, reconciling and check writing.
- (3) Payroll preparation and distribution.
- (4) Investing recordkeeping and investing.

For the Fire Department, one individual has control over each of the following areas:

- (1) Receipts collecting, depositing, posting and reconciling.
- (2) Disbursements posting, reconciling, check writing and signing.

<u>Recommendation</u> – We realize that with a limited number of office employees, segregation of duties is difficult. However, the City, Library and the Fire Department should review their operating procedures to obtain the maximum internal control possible under the circumstances.

Response -

<u>City</u> – We will take these recommendations under advisement and work to obtain the most segregation of duties possible at City Hall.

Schedule of Findings

Year ended June 30, 2003

Library -

- 1. All Library staff will be equally responsible for the collecting and posting of receipts. The counting and depositing of said receipts will be handled by the Library Director and the Assistant Library Director. Both will review and check receipts as they are deposited and they will be taken to the bank by both.
- 2. The check writing is supervised by the Board of Trustees of the Mount Ayr Public Library.
- 3. The Librarian is the only person available to prepare and distribute payroll, but all payroll is reviewed and approved by the Library Board of Trustees.
- 4. Investments are handled by the Library Director on the advice of Library Board Member Karen Bender who is an officer of the bank.

<u>Fire Department</u> – We have a financial report each month of money coming in and money paid out. Quarterly we have a complete financial report. No bills are paid without a receipt and we have our cancelled checks. The officers have access to the record at anytime. We will add an officers signature to the checking account as you have recommended.

Conclusion -

City - Response accepted.

<u>Library</u> – Response acknowledged. However, the Library Board of Trustees should also review the supporting documentation for disbursements, payroll and investments.

<u>Fire Department</u> - Response acknowledged. However, at a minimum, a Fire Department Officer should perform procedures to review supporting documentation for receipts and disbursements.

(B) <u>Information Systems</u> - During our review of internal control, the existing control activities in the City's computer based financial systems were evaluated in order to determine that activities, from a control standpoint, were designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the achievement of objectives in the reliability of financial reporting, effectiveness and efficiency of operations, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The following weaknesses in the City's financial computer based systems were noted:

The City does not have written policies for:

- · password privacy and confidentiality.
- requiring password changes because software does not require the user to change log-ins/passwords periodically.

Schedule of Findings

Year ended June 30, 2003

- ownership of in-house developed software and data.
- logging off when a terminal is unattended and no automatic log off exists.
- requiring backups be performed daily rather than just 3 times a week, monthly and yearly.
- ensuring that only software licensed to the City is installed on computers and monitoring software licensing requirements to ensure the City is in compliance.
- usage of the internet.

Also, the City does not have a written disaster recovery plan and does not require back up tapes to be stored off site daily or have adequate fire protection.

<u>Recommendation</u> – The City should develop written policies addressing the above items in order to improve the City's control over computer based systems. A written disaster recovery plan should also be developed along with requiring off-site storage of backup tapes and obtaining adequate fire protection.

<u>Response</u> – We will take these recommendations under advisement and work to develop written policies addressing the above items.

<u>Conclusion</u> - Response accepted.

(C) <u>Reconciliation of Utility Billings, Collections and Delinquencies</u> – Utility billings, collections and delinquent accounts were not reconciled throughout the year.

<u>Recommendation</u> – Procedures should be established to reconcile utility billings, collections and delinquent accounts. The Council or a Council-designated independent person should review the reconciliations and document their review.

<u>Response</u> – We will take the above recommendations under advisement. The established utility procedures will be followed and a monthly reconciliation will be prepared and reviewed.

Conclusion - Response accepted.

Schedule of Findings

Year ended June 30, 2003

Other Findings Related to Statutory Reporting:

- (1) Official Depositories A resolution naming official depositories has been approved by the City Council. The maximum deposit amounts stated in the resolution were not exceeded during the year ended June 30, 2003.
 - However, the City did not file a new depository resolution at the time that Citizens Bank became Great Western Bank and Mercantile Bank became Firstar Bank and then US Bank.
 - <u>Recommendation</u> A new resolution in amounts sufficient to cover anticipated balances at all approved depositories should be adopted by the Council in a timely manner.
 - Response A new resolution was adopted at the October 6, 2003 Council meeting.
 - <u>Conclusion</u> Response accepted.
- (2) <u>Certified Budget</u> Disbursements during the year ended June 30, 2003 exceeded the amounts budgeted in the community and economic development, general government, debt service and business type activities functions. Chapter 384.20 of the Code of Iowa states in part that public monies may not be expended or encumbered except under an annual or continuing appropriation.
 - Although the Council approved the resolution to convert the City's records to the new chart of accounts, the conversion form was prepared using incorrect amounts, which resulted in an incorrect budget amendment.
 - <u>Recommendation</u> The budget should have been amended in sufficient amounts in accordance with Chapter 384.18 of the Code of Iowa before disbursements were allowed to exceed the budget. The City should insure that future amendments are properly prepared to achieve the intended action.
 - <u>Response</u> We will follow your recommendation. As the conversion form was a one time thing, the above should be no problem in the future.
 - Conclusion Response accepted.
- (3) <u>Questionable Disbursements</u> No disbursements were noted that may not meet the requirements of public purpose as defined in an Attorney General's opinion dated April 25, 1979.
- (4) <u>Travel Expense</u> No disbursements of City money for travel expenses of spouses of City officials or employees were noted.
- (5) <u>Business Transactions</u> No business transactions between the City and City officials or employees were noted.

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(6) <u>Bond Coverage</u> – Surety bond coverage of City officials and employees is in accordance with statutory provisions. However, surety bond coverage, workers' compensation and general liability coverage did not exist for the Library.

<u>Recommendation</u> – The amount of coverage should be reviewed annually to insure that the coverage is adequate for current operations for the entire City.

 $\underline{Response}$ – This has now been addressed. The Library was included with a rider on the City policy and we are now covered.

<u>Conclusion</u> – Response accepted.

(7) <u>Council Minutes</u> – No transactions were found that we believe should have been approved in the Council minutes but were not.

The City did not publish annual gross salaries, which included the Library salaries, in accordance with an Attorney General's opinion dated April 12, 1978.

<u>Recommendation</u> - The City should publish all annual individual salaries as required.

<u>Response</u> - Library salaries will be made available to the City for publication.

Conclusion - Response accepted.

(8) <u>Deposits and Investments</u> – Except as noted in item (1), no instances of non-compliance with the deposit and investment provisions of Chapters 12B and 12C of the Code of Iowa and the City's investment policy were noted. However, the current investment policy on file, as adopted by the Council, does not contain the correct references to the Code of Iowa.

<u>Recommendation</u> – An updated investment policy should be adopted by the Council with correct code references to Chapters 12B and 12C of the Code of Iowa.

Response - A new updated investment policy will be drafted for City Council approval.

Conclusion - Response accepted.

- (9) Revenue Bond and Notes The City has established the sinking and reserve accounts required by the water revenue note and sewer revenue note resolutions.
- (10) Payment of General Obligation Notes The general obligation notes for the municipal parking lot improvement were paid from the Special Revenue Fund, Tax Increment Financing Account. Chapter 384.4 of the Code of Iowa states in part that "Moneys pledged or available to service general obligation bonds, and received from sources other than property tax, must be deposited in the Debt Service Fund."

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Also, the Special Revenue Fund, Tax Increment Financing Account is being used to record property tax collections for two separate projects.

<u>Recommendation</u> – The City should transfer from the Special Revenue Fund, Tax Increment Financing Account to the Debt Service Fund for future funding contributions. Repayment of the general obligation notes should be made from the Debt Service Fund.

Also, consistent with Chapter 403.19 of the Code of Iowa, the City should establish separate Tax Increment Financing Accounts for the TIF collections applicable to each project.

Response - We will follow your recommendation on the above TIF collections.

<u>Conclusion</u> – Response accepted.

(11) <u>Financial Condition</u> – The Debt Service Fund, General Obligation Bonds Account had a deficit balance at June 30, 2003 of \$3,304. This was caused by incorrectly posting the debt service levy taxes from the tax increment financing projects to the Special Revenue Fund, Tax Increment Financing Account rather than in the Debt Service Fund, General Obligation Notes Account.

<u>Recommendation</u> – The City should determine the amount and the Council should approve a corrective transfer to eliminate this deficit in order to return this account to a sound financial position.

<u>Response</u> – We have followed your recommendations and a corrective transfer will be made of all monies incorrectly posted. The transfer should correct the deficit when made.

Conclusion - Response accepted.

(12) <u>Utility Billings</u> – The City Council approved giving free minimum water usage to the Chamber of Commerce at the December 2, 2002 meeting, which appears to violate Chapter 388.6 of the Code of Iowa.

<u>Recommendation</u> – The City should insure that billings are in accordance with Chapter 388.6 of the Code of Iowa.

<u>Response</u> - The City Council stated this policy would be discontinued immediately.

<u>Conclusion</u> – Response accepted.

(13) <u>Notice of Public Hearing for a Loan Agreement</u> – The City did not publish a notice of public hearing to enter into a loan agreement for a truck.

<u>Recommendation</u> – Before entering into a loan agreement, the City should publish a notice of public hearing of at least four, but not more than twenty, days prior to the hearing as provided in Chapter 362.3 of the Code of Iowa.

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<u>Response</u> – The agenda is sent to radio stations and newspapers on Friday prior to council meeting on Monday night. This was on the agenda and discussed prior to entering into the loan agreement but not as a formal hearing notice. In the future, any loan agreements for vehicles will go through a public hearing notice.

<u>Conclusion</u> – Response accepted.

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